

**REMARKS**

The January 24, 2005 Advisory Action indicated that claims 1-8 were allowed, although the rejection of claims 11, 12 and 20 was maintained. By the above amendment, Applicants propose to cancel rejected claims 11, 12 and 20, which leaves only allowed claims 1-8 pending in this application. The other issues raised in the final rejection apparently were overcome by the December 30, 2004 response, as indicated by the allowance of claims 1-8. Cancellation of claims, as above, does not raise any new issues or require any further search. Since all remaining claims are allowable, entry of the proposed amendment should place this case in condition for immediate allowance. Hence, it is believed that entry of the amendment after final rejection is proper under the rules, and Applicants respectfully request a prompt favorable reconsideration of this matter.

Cancellation of all of the rejected claims above should obviate all remaining issues raised in the latest Actions and place this case in condition for allowance. However, if any further issue should arise that may be addressed in an interview or an Examiner's amendment, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' representative at the number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith E. George". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Keith" being more prominent.

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